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FOR NEA DUBS FROM SCHNEIDER AND KUX

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON INDO-US RELATIONS

REF: STATE 020306

1. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THE FLAVOR OF THE PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE ON CURRENT INDO-US RELATIONS MAY DO WHAT WE AND YOU WISHED TO AVOID, I.E., PRODUCE A PUBLIC CONFRONTATION ON INDO-US RELATIONS. WE WOULD RECOMMEND A SHORTER STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE INITIAL QUESTION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: "WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THESE TOTALLY UNJUSTIFIED CHARGES TO SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE GOI BOTH IN NEW DELHI AND WASHINGTON. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DESCRIBE OUR EXCHANGES WITH THE GOVT OF INDIA FURTHER AT THIS TIME."

2. IN REGARD TO THE REST OF THE QUESTIONS, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD HOLD OFF AS LONG AS POSSIBLE FROM CONFIRMING OUR ACTION ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. IF WE MUST ANSWER BECAUSE OF A LEAK WE PROPOSE THAT WE SAY SIMPLY THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT AN ATMOSPHERE EXISTS IN WHICH WE SHOULD GO FORWARD AT PRESENT WITH DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

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E M IN SHORT, WE THINK WE SHOULD AVOID AS FAR AS POSSIBLE

CHARACTERIZING WHAT WE ARE DOING PUBLICLY AS SPECIFICALLY  
AIMED AT MRS. GANDHI'S REMARKS. WE CAN AND SHOULD DO THAT  
PRIVATELY AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING, BUT TO DO IT PUBLICLY  
WILL PUT BOTH THE INDIANS AND OURSELVES INTO A TIGHTER  
BOX IN TERMS OF "FACE" AND VERBAL CONFRONTATION, AND  
LESSEN THE PROSPECTS OF OUR GETTING OUR MESSAGE THROUGH  
TO MRS. GANDHI.  
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